

FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

Date of Completion: 12/1/2016

State: Pennsylvania

Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2017

1. Name of eligibility change: Exclusion of Tax Refunds as Income or Resource
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: May 22, 2006
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Generally, the receipt of tax refunds, including EIC and PA Tax Forgiveness, does not have a negative effect on the eligibility for or amount of any TANF cash assistance benefit, because TANF clients could simply spend down the amount in the first two months as it was previously excluded in that timeframe. County assistance workers previously had to track, verify and document the receipt of all state and IRS refunds to ensure that the refunds were disregarded correctly. Hence, this eligibility change was implemented in order to promote program efficiency.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change: (attach supporting materials to this form) The impact due to this eligibility change is negligible since previously clients would have simply spent down the tax refund in the allotted timeframe.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 0

FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

Date of Completion: 12/1/2016

State: Pennsylvania

Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2017

1. Name of eligibility change: Implementation of Transitional Cash Assistance (TCA)
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: March 24, 2009
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: This new policy provides temporary supplemental grants designed as an incentive for TANF recipients to move from TANF to employment. The grant amount is \$100 per month for a period of three consecutive months to eligible families whose TANF case would otherwise be closed due to employment.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change: (attach supporting materials to this form) Extracted TCA caseload for FFY 2016. The average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload is based on the average caseload for TCA participation for the FFY 2016.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 3,470

FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

Date of Completion: 12/1/2016

State: Pennsylvania

Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2017

1. Name of eligibility change: Conversion of Solely State Funded program for households with disabled parent and 2-parent households
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: October 1, 2007
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Effective October 1, 2007 the State stopped claiming the disabled household and two-parent households of the cash assistance program as TANF or MOE expenditures. Effective October 1, 2007, cash assistance is provided to these households in a solely state funded program. There had been no changes in eligibility to evaluate for caseload effects. The average monthly caseload data for this group is 'added back' to the Average Monthly FFY 2016 Caseload. The state did not utilize TANF federal or State Maintenance of Effort dollars for this program as of October 1, 2007 and thus the effect was a reduction in the total SSP-MOE caseload.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change: (attach supporting materials to this form) The impact of this change was calculated using extracted caseload data for FFY 2016. The estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload is based on the average caseload for budgets funded with State dollars that do not count toward MOE. These 1,108 cases are to be 'added back' to the TANF caseload to level the comparison to the FFY 2005 base year average monthly caseload.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -1,108

FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

Date of Completion: 12/1/2016	
State: Pennsylvania	Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2017
Overall Report <input type="checkbox"/> (check one)	Apply the overall credit to the two-parent participation rate? <input type="checkbox"/> yes
Two-parent Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
<p>PART 1 –Eligibility Changes Made Since FY 2005 (Complete this section for EACH change)</p>	
<p>1. Name of eligibility change: Exclusion of Interest Income Earned on Savings Bonds and Certain Interest-Bearing Accounts</p> <p>2. Implementation date of eligibility change: April 5, 2006</p> <p>3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Interest earned on savings bonds and on the following checking and savings accounts in excluded as both unearned income and a resource in the month of receipt: Checking and savings accounts (including pas book accounts), statement accounts, NOW and Super NOW accounts, money market deposit accounts, certificates of deposit (CDs), and Christmas/Vacation clubs.</p> <p>4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form): The impact due to this eligibility change is negligible since any interest amount on the small resource limit for TANF (\$1,000) would be negligible and would, therefore, have no impact on the eligibility of the TANF family.</p>	
<p>5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: <u>0</u></p>	

FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

Date of Completion: 12/1/2016

State: Pennsylvania

Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2017

1. Name of eligibility change: Exclusion of Tax Refunds as Income or Resource
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: May 22, 2006
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Generally, the receipt of tax refunds including EIC and PA Tax Forgiveness, does not have a negative effect on the eligibility for or amount of any TANF cash assistance benefit, because TANF clients could simply spend down the amount in the first two months as it was previously excluded in that timeframe. County assistance workers previously had to track, verify and document the receipt of all state and IRS refunds to ensure that the refunds were disregarded correctly. Hence, this eligibility change was implemented in order to promote program efficiency.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change: (attach supporting materials to this form) The impact due to this eligibility change is negligible since previously clients would have simply spent down the tax refund in the allotted timeframe.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 0

FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

Date of Completion: 12/1/2016

State: Pennsylvania

Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2017

1. Name of eligibility change: Implementation of Transitional Cash Assistance (TCA)
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: March 24, 2009
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: This new policy provides temporary supplemental grants designed as an incentive for TANF recipients to move from TANF to employment. The grant amount is \$100 per month for a period of three consecutive months to eligible families whose TANF cash case would otherwise be closed due to employment.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change: (attach supporting materials to this form) Extracted TCA caseload for FFY 2016. The average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload is based on the average caseload for TCA participation for the FFY 2016.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 235

FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

Date of Completion: 12/1/2016

State: Pennsylvania

Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2017

1. Name of eligibility change: Conversion of Solely State Funded program for households with disabled parent and 2-parent households
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: October 1, 2007
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Effective October 1, 2007 the State stopped claiming the disabled household and two-parent households of the cash assistance program as TANF or MOE expenditures. Effective October 1, 2007, cash assistance is provided to these households in a solely state funded program. There had been no changes in eligibility to evaluate for caseload effects. The average monthly caseload data for this group is 'added back' to the Average Monthly FFY 2016 Caseload. The state did not utilize TANF federal of State Maintenance of Effort dollars for this program as of October 1, 2007 and thus the effect was a reduction in the total SSP-MOE caseload.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change: (attach supporting materials to this form) The impact of this change was calculated using extracted caseload data for FFY 2016. The estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload is based on the average caseload for budgets funded with State dollars that do not count toward MOE. These 0 cases are to be 'added back' to the TANF caseload to level the comparison to the FFY 2005 base year average monthly caseload.
5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 0

FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

Date of Completion: 12/1/2016

State: Pennsylvania

Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2017

PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit

(Complete Part 2 using Excel Workbook provided.)

FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

Date of Completion: 12/1/2016

State: Pennsylvania

Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2017

PART 3 -- Certification

I certify that we have provided the public an appropriate opportunity to comment on the estimates and methodology used to complete this report and considered those comments in completing it. Further, I certify that this report incorporates all reductions in the caseload resulting from State eligibility changes and changes in Federal requirements since Fiscal Year 2005.

(signature)

(name)

(title)

FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT
Overall Credit

	A	B	C	D	E	F		
1	PENNSYLVANIA			Fiscal Year to which credit applies:		2017		
2				Date of Completion:	12/1/2016			
3	PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit							
4								
5	<u>Impact of All Changes</u>			<u>Caseload Reduction Calculation</u>				
6				FY 2005 TANF Caseload	96,635			
7				FY 2005 SSP Caseload				
8				Total FY 2005 Caseload	96,635			
9				FY 2016 TANF Caseload	57,896			
10				Transitional Cash Assistance	3,470	FY 2016 SSP Caseload		
11						Total FY 2016 Caseload	57,896	
12						Excess MOE Cases in FY 2016	2,225	
13						Adjusted FY 2016 Caseload	55,671	
14						Caseload Decline	40,964	42.4%
15						Decline – Net Impact	43,326	
16	Adjustment for solely state funded families not counted toward MOE	-1,108						
17				Caseload Reduction Credit =		42.4%		
18								
19								
20								
21								
22								
23								
24								
25								
26	Net Impact	2,362						

**FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT
Two-Parent Credit**

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	PENNSYLVANIA			Fiscal Year to which credit applies:		2017
2				Date of Completion:	12/1/2016	
3	PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit -- 2-Parent Caseload					
4						
5	<u>Impact of All Changes</u>			<u>Caseload Reduction Calculation</u>		
6	Transitional Cash Assistance	235	0	FY 2005 TANF 2-Parent Caseload	4,545	
7				FY 2005 SSP 2-Parent Caseload		
8				Total FY 2005 Caseload	4,545	
9				FY 2016 TANF 2-Parent Caseload	692	
10				FY 2016 SSP 2-Parent Caseload		
11				Total FY 2016 2-Parent Caseload	692	
12				Excess MOE 2-Parent Cases in FY 2016	27	
13				Adjusted FY 2016 Caseload	665	
14				Caseload Decline	3,880	85.4%
15				Decline – Net Impact	4,115	
16	Adjustment for solely state funded families not counted toward MOE	0				
17				2-Parent Caseload Reduction Credit =		85.4%
18						
19				Note: the FY 05 TANF caseload has been adjusted to account for an average of 464 disabled 2-parent cases that are not subject to the work participation rate. The actual caseload is 5,009.		
20				Note: the FY 16 TANF caseload has been adjusted to account for an average of 37 disabled 2-parent cases that are not subject to the work participation rate. The actual caseload is 729.		
21						
22						
23						
24						
25						
26	Net Impact	235				

**FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT
Excess MOE Worksheet**

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	PENNSYLVANIA			Fiscal Year to which credit applies:		2017
2				Date of Completion:		12/1/2016
3	<u>Excess MOE Calculation Worksheet</u>					
4						
5	Caseload Data			Expenditure Data		
6	FY 2005 TANF Caseload	96,635		Total Expenditures		
7	FY 2005 SSP Caseload	0		FY 2016 Total Federal Expenditures		\$791,229,725
8	Total FY 2005 Caseload	96,635		FY 2016 Total MOE Expenditures		\$455,023,424
9	FY 2016 TANF Caseload	57,896		Total Expenditures (Federal + MOE)		\$1,246,253,149
10	FY 2016 SSP Caseload	0				
11	Total FY 2016 Caseload	57,896		Assistance Expenditures		
12				FY 2016 Federal Expenditures on Assistance		\$524,929,313
13	2-Parent Caseload Data			FY 2016 MOE Expenditures on Assistance		\$6,194,817
14	FY 2005 2-p TANF Caseload	4,545		Total Expenditures on Assistance (Federal + MOE)		\$531,124,130
15	FY 2005 2-p SSP Caseload	0		Percentage of Expenditures on Assistance		42.62%
16	Total FY 2005 Caseload	4,545				
17	FY 2016 2-p TANF Caseload	692		Expenditures Per Case		
18	FY 2016 2-p SSP Caseload	0		Average Expenditures per Case		\$21,526
19	Total FY 2016 Caseload	692		Average Expenditures per Case on Assistance		\$9,174
20						
21				MOE and Excess MOE		
22				Required MOE (80% or 75%)		\$407,126,000
23				Excess MOE Expenditures		\$47,897,424
24				Excess MOE Expenditures on Assistance		\$20,412,769
25	Adjusted Caseload Data					
26	Adjusted FY 2016 Overall Caseload	55,671		Assistance Cases Funded by Excess MOE		2,225
27	Adjusted FY 2016 2-parent Caseload	665		2-Parent Assistance Cases Funded by Excess MOE		27